Cabinet Note has been prepared for the approval of the Cabinet for (i) Establishment of an independent and autonomous Central Drug Authority of India having financial and administrative autonomy and accountable to the Central Government through Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. (ii) Amendments in the Drugs & Cosmetics Act 1940, to provide statutory basis for the proposed Central Drug Authority of India. (iii) Proposed administrative and staff structure of the Central Drug Authority of India. (iv) Financial autonomy and Approval for the proposed Drug Authority to retain fees realized for administrative and operational purposes of the Authority. (v) A phased five year transition from the present system of grant of manufacturing licences to a complete central licensing of drug manufacturing units from State to Union Government.

(d) Appropriate norms have been prescribed under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 to ensure that the drugs are manufactured as per the prescribed stands and in compliance with the requirements of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs). The norms for proper labeling of drugs have been prescribed under Rule 96 of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules. These provisions are enforced by the State Drugs Control Organizations, who also collect samples of drugs from manufacturing premises as well as from the market to ensure that quality standards are maintained.

Standardisation of Ayurvedic Medicines

644. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the major hurdle in the wider acceptability of ayurvedic drugs is the absence of standardisation and lack to acceptable procedure to establish standards;

(b) if so, whether any step has been taken to establish standards for ayurvedic drugs;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d)

Ayurveda is getting wider acceptance in India and abroad. Ayurveda Pharmocopoea Committee constituted by Government of India has so far laid down quality standards for 418 single Ayurveda medicines in five volumes of Pharmocopoea of India. Further, Ayurveda formulary of India has been published in two volumes laying down standards for 636 compound Ayurveda formulation. The work of laying down quality standards for Ayurveda formulations is a continuing process.

Sub-Health Centres in Madhya Pradesh

†645. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:
SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether population of the area is the benchmark of restarting a sub-health centre for providing primary health facility in the country;

(b) whether estimated number of sub-health centres on the census-2001 has been worked out;

(c) if so, the estimated number of the sub-health centres to be in Madhya Pradesh according to census for the year 2001 of the same and the number of the sub-health centres at present in Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) the details of required sub-health centres to be opened in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) A Sub-centre caters to the need to 5000 people in plain area & 3000 in Hilly/Tribal/ Difficult Areas.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. As per 2001 population, the required number of Sub-centres in Madhya Pradesh is 10402. At present 8835 sub-centres are functioning in the State. The shortfall of Sub-centres in Madhya Pradesh is 1567.

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